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### **Children's Special Health Services Joins the North Dakota Department of Health**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Division of Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) has joined the North Dakota Department of Health, according to Tammy Gallup-Millner, division director.

The 2007 Legislative Assembly passed legislation to move the division to the state health department as of July 1. Previously, CSHS was located in the Medical Services Division of the Department of Human Services.

“Because CSHS works closely with programs in the Department of Health that focus on the health of children, this move is a nice fit,” Gallup-Millner said. “We will be able to streamline our efforts and collaborate more effectively to serve North Dakota children who have special health care needs.”

In 1935, Title V of the Social Security Act authorized federal funding for state maternal and child health programs. It is the key source of support for promoting and improving the health of all the nation's mothers and children, including children with special health care needs. With the Act, the program known as Crippled Children's Services was established. In July 1995, the name of the program in North Dakota was changed to Children's Special Health Services.

The purpose of CSHS is to provide services for children with special health care needs and their families and promote family-centered, community-based, coordinated services and systems of health care. Children who have disabilities or chronic health conditions are eligible to receive services through CSHS.

“We are happy to have Children's Special Health Services join the Department of Health,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. “Children are our most precious resource, and this streamlining of efforts will help us in our mission to safeguard the health of every child.”

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